

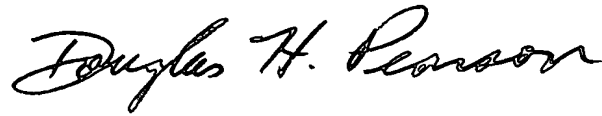
REMARKS

In response to the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt dated June 10, 2002, the first paragraph of the specification has been amended in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) to indicate the relationship between the present application and the parent application (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/958,657) from which domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is claimed. Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions in connection with this application, the undersigned requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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Page 1, Paragraph Beginning at Line 2:

This application is [based upon] a continuation-in-part of and claims priority from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/958,657, abandoned, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/958,657 [is] was the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/01527 which has an International filing date of February 28, 2001, which designated the United States of America and was not published in English.